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1. TWO NEW MEMBERS CHINESE DIPLOMATIC MISSION, MR. LI YING, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, AND MR. TAI LIEN- CHEN ARRIVED IN MALTA ON MAY 6. WITH THESE TWO ADDITIONS TO DIPLOMATIC LIST, CHINESE NOW ONE OF LARGEST RESIDENT MISSIONS. THEY HAVE RECENTLY PURCHASED A LARGE BLOCK OF FLATS IN THE ST. JULIAN'S AREA KNOWN AS KARMNU COURT WHICH WILL BE USED FOR THE CHANCERY AND FOR HOUSING MEMBERS OF THE MISSION.

2. CHINESE AID TECHNICIANS ARE ALSO BECOMING INCREASINGLY NUMEROUS. SIX TECHNICIANS WHO WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMPLOYED ON UNDER WATER DRILLING CONNECTED WITH 300,000 TON DRYDOCK PROJECT ARRIVED AT THE END OF APRIL. DRILLING EQUIPMENT IS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MALTA BY THE CHINESE GOVT AND IS BEING BROUGHT FROM PRC BY SEA. WITH THIS LATEST ARRIVAL THERE ARE NOW AT LEAST 18 CHINESE TECHNICIANS WORKING ALSO ON THE CHOCOLATE AND GLASS PROJECTS RESIDENT IN A SMALL LOCAL HOTEL (THE MIDAS). SEVERAL OF THE TECHNICIANS SPEAK FLUENT ENGLISH AND HAVE SURPRISED AMERICAN GUESTS WITH THEIR CANDOR AS WELL AS FRIENDLINESS. THEY HAVE, FOR EXAMPLE, EXPRESSED QUALIFIED APPROVAL OF SOME ASPECTS OF US FOREIGN POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

3. PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH PRC ASSISTANCE TO THE MALTA DRYDOCKS SEVERAL 1,000 HP TUGS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED FOR EVENTUAL USE IN MALTA COMMERCIAL PORT ACITIVIES. GETZ

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